

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An audio transmitter and remote receiver apparatus, comprising:

an audio transmitter for disposition adjacent electronic equipment and including an audio detection portal for receiving audio transmissions from the electronic equipment and an audio transmitter antenna for transmitting audio signals to a location removed from the electronic equipment;

a remote control unit receiver case forming a remote control unit hold for storing a remote control unit therein, the case having an opening therethrough and having a receiver antenna for receiving the audio signals from the audio transmitter; and;

the remote control unit being a separate unit removably positionable within the remote control unit hold of the remote control unit receiver case, and during operation of the remote control unit, signals from the remote control unit passable through the opening of the remote control unit receiver case for controlling the electronic equipment;
and

the remote control unit receiver case having an audio output speaker for conveying audible sounds from the electronic equipment to at least one individual located adjacent to the remote control unit receiver case.

2. (Original) The audio transmitter and remote receiver apparatus of claim 1 wherein the audio transmitter includes an audio input port for electrically connecting the audio transmitter to the electronic equipment so that the audio transmissions can be sent from the electronic equipment to the audio transmitter.

3. (Original) The audio transmitter and remote receiver apparatus of claim 1 wherein the remote control unit receiver case has a bridging member.

4. (Currently Amended) The audio transmitter and remote receiver apparatus of claim 3 wherein the audio transmitter includes a first upper side and an opposite second lower side, and further comprising:

the television audio transmitter including a pair of spaced-apart battery recharge poles located on the first upper side for allowing the ~~audio transmitter~~ remote control unit receiver case to be electrically energized from at least one battery; and

the bridging member including a pair of spaced-apart battery recharge contacts that are engagable by the battery recharge poles of the audio transmitter when the remote control unit receiver case is placed on the audio transmitter ~~and the bridging member is seated on the transmitter cradle portion.~~

5. (Original) The audio transmitter and remote receiver apparatus of claim 3 wherein the audio transmitter includes a transmitter cradle portion which is shaped to receive the bridging member so that the bridging member can be selectively engaged to and disengaged from the transmitter cradle portion.

6. (Original) The audio transmitter and remote receiver apparatus of claim 5 wherein the transmitter cradle portion includes an on/off switch that is engaged and shifted to the off position when the bridging member is placed on the transmitter cradle portion, and wherein the disengagement of the bridging member from the transmitter cradle portion causes the on/off switch to shift to the on position thus turning on the

audio transmitter so that the audio transmitter can receive the audio transmissions from the electronic equipment.

7. (Original) The audio transmitter and remote receiver apparatus of claim 1 wherein the remote control unit receiver case further comprises:

a receiver component having an audio housing and a support member, the audio housing having the audio output speaker and the receiver antenna, the support member being an elongated member extending from the audio housing; and

a storage case having a first pocket and a second pocket, the first pocket sized and adapted for receiving the remote control unit and the second pocket sized and adapted for receiving the support member of the receiver component, the audio housing extending from the storage case for conveying audible sounds.

8. (Original) The audio transmitter and remote receiver apparatus of claim 1 further comprising at least one spacer bracket disposed within the remote control unit hold and mountable thereto in order to hold non-standard sized remote control units within the hold.

9. (Original) The audio transmitter and remote receiver apparatus of claim 1 wherein the remote control unit receiver case and the audio transmitter include a channel select switch for providing at least two channels of operation.

10. (Currently Amended) An audio transmitter and remote receiver apparatus for transmitting audio signals produced by electronic equipment to a location removed from the electronic equipment, comprising:

an audio transmitter for disposition adjacent to the electronic equipment, the audio transmitter including an audio input jack for electrically connecting the electronic equipment to the transmitter so that audio transmissions can be sent from the electronic equipment to the audio transmitter, and having an audio transmitter antenna for sending audio signals based on the audio transmissions that are received by the audio transmitter;

an audio receiver remote control unit storage case for disposition at a location that is removed from the electronic equipment; ~~the audio receiver remote control unit storage case forming a remote control unit hold~~ for containing at least one remote control unit therein, and having a receiver antenna for detecting the audio signals sent from the audio transmitter antenna; and

the remote control unit storage case including a receiver component having an audio housing and a support member, the audio housing having the receiver antenna and the support member being an elongated member extending from the audio housing;

the remote control unit storage case also including a storage case having a first pocket and a second pocket, the first pocket sized and adapted for receiving the remote control unit and the second pocket sized and adapted for receiving the support member of the receiver component, the audio housing extending from the storage case for conveying audible sounds; and

the audio housing of the audio receiver remote control unit storage case having an audio output speaker for conveying audible sounds from the electronic equipment to at least one individual located adjacent to the audio receiver remote control unit storage case containing therein the remote control unit.

11. (Original) The audio transmitter and remote receiver apparatus of claim 10 wherein the audio transmitter includes an audio detection portal for receiving audio transmissions from the electronic equipment without a direct electrical connection.

12. (Original) The audio transmitter and remote receiver apparatus of claim 10 wherein the audio receiver remote control unit storage case and the audio transmitter include a channel select switch for providing at least two channels of operation.

13. (Original) The audio transmitter and remote receiver apparatus of claim 10 wherein:

the remote control unit receiver case has a bridging member;

the audio transmitter includes a transmitter cradle portion on which the bridging member is selectively placed and removed therefrom; and

the transmitter cradle portion includes an on/off switch that is shifted to the off position when the bridging member is placed on the transmitter cradle portion and is shifted to the on position when the bridging member is removed from the transmitter cradle portion.

14. (Original) The audio transmitter and remote receiver apparatus of claim 13 wherein the audio transmitter includes a first upper side and an opposite second lower side, and further comprising:

the television audio transmitter including a pair of spaced-apart battery recharge poles located on the first upper side for allowing the audio transmitter to be electrically energized from at least one battery; and

the bridging member including a pair of spaced-apart battery recharge contacts that are engagable by the battery recharge poles of the audio transmitter when the remote control unit receiver case is placed on the audio transmitter and the bridging member is seated on the transmitter cradle portion.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Original) The audio transmitter and remote receiver apparatus of claim 10 further comprising at least one spacer bracket disposed within the remote control unit hold and mountable thereto in order to hold non-standard sized remote control units within the hold.

17. (Original) An audio transmitter and remote receiver apparatus for transmitting audio signals from electronic equipment to a remote location and for holding a remote control unit, comprising:

an audio transmitter for disposition adjacent to the electronic equipment, the audio transmitter including an audio input port and an audio detection portal both of which can receive audio transmissions from the electronic equipment, a transmitter cradle portion having an on/off switch that is selectively shiftable between an on position and an off position, an audio transmitter mechanism for transmitting audio signals based on the audio transmissions received from the electronic equipment to locations that are removed from the electronic equipment, and a multi-channel select switch with at least two channels of operation;

an audio receiver and remote control unit storage case for disposition at the location that is remote from the electronic equipment and that includes a front end, an

opposite rear end, a floor, a pair of sidewalls with each sidewall extending upwardly from opposite sides of the floor in order to form a remote control unit receptacle for holding at least one remote control unit therein, a receiver located adjacent the front end for detecting the audio signals sent from the audio transmitter mechanism, and a bridging member mounted on the sidewalls adjacent the front end;

the bridging member including an audio output speaker for conveying audible sounds to at least one individual located adjacent to the audio receiver and remote control unit storage case; and

the bridging member capable of selective engagement with and disengagement from the transmitter cradle portion in order to selectively shift the on/off switch from the off position to the on position.

18. (Original) The audio transmitter and remote receiver apparatus of claim 17 wherein the audio receiver and remote control unit storage case includes at least one opening for enabling a signal from the remote control unit to be transmitted for remotely controlling the electronic equipment.

19. (Original) The audio transmitter and remote receiver apparatus of claim 17 further comprising at least one spacer bracket disposed within the remote control unit receptacle and mountable thereto in order to hold non-standard sized remote control units within the receptacle.

20. (Original) The audio transmitter and remote receiver apparatus of claim 17 further comprising a volume control connected to the speaker of the audio receiver and remote control unit storage case for controlling the volume of the audio emanating from the speaker.